

January 11, 2010
Commissioners Meeting
Minutes

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Colfax County, Nebraska was held in the Commissioners Room of the County Courthouse, Schuyler, Nebraska on the 11th day of January, 2010. The County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. Present were: Jerry L. Heard, Jerold Kracl and Skip Oehlich, County Commissioners, Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk, Bo Botelho, County Attorney. Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by posting written notice in at least three different public places as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice. Availability of the proposed agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the board. Copies of the Open Meetings Act were posted and available to the public. All proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was officially convened and open to the public.

The chairman stated a copy of the Open Meeting Act statute is posted and available to the public.

Motion Kracl; second Oehlich to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Heard, Kracl and Oehlich. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Kracl, second Oehlich to re-organize for 2010 and appoint Jerry Heard to serve as county board chair for 2010. Voting YES: Kracl, Oehlich and Heard. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Heard; second Kracl to approve the following appointments to the following agencies: NENEDD-Oehlich; CNJHA-Heard; Region 4/ODD (aka North Star)-Kracl; Region 4/MH-Kracl; NE Nebr. Area Agency on Aging-Oehlich; NE Nebr. Juvenile-Heard; East-Central Health District-Oehlich; Prairieland RC&D-Heard; LEOPC-Kracl and NE Nebr. Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board (3 year term)-Tom Krivohlavek. Voting YES: Oehlich, Heard and Kracl. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Kracl; second Oehlich to approve the minutes of 12/29/09. Voting YES: Heard, Kracl and Oehlich. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Heard; second Oehlich to enter executive session at 8:35 a.m. for the General Assistant Clerk Report. Voting YES: Kracl, Oehlich and Heard. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Heard; second Kracl to exit executive session and resume regular session at 8:47 a.m. Voting YES: Oehlich, Heard and Kracl. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The chairman stated no action was taken while in executive session.

The county attorney was present and had no activity to report.

The weed superintendent gave a report of the activities of his department. Motion Oehlich; second Heard to renew the appointment of Robert Cerny as weed superintendent. Voting YES: Heard, Kracl and Oehlich. Voting NO: None. Motion carried. Motion Kracl; second Oehlich to give authority for the chairman to sign the State Report. Voting YES: Kracl, Oehlich and Heard. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The clerk provided the board with her monthly fees, fund balances, and the proposed PSAP funding mechanism. The clerk informed the board that all end of year payroll information will be completed by January 15th. The clerk will register the commissioners for the NACO's County Board Workshop on February 10-12 and the NIRMA's Annual Conference on February 10th; both meetings are held in Kearney.

The board received a copy of the monthly fee report of the District Court Clerk.

The sheriff's monthly fee report and his quarterly report will be provided to the board at the next meeting.

The board reviewed with officials and department heads the importance of keeping time sheets for all non-exempt employees. The board stressed to the officials and department heads to follow the county hand book policy for hours worked by employees according to their job descriptions.

The county treasurer presented a change in safekeeping receipt from Citizens Bank of Leigh.

The board met with the County Surveyor and discussed the salary for the term starting in 2011.

Motion Kracl; second Oehlich to change the meeting of the board 2nd Monday meeting and 4th Tuesday meeting as follows: March 23, 2010 to March 30, 2010; June 22, 2010 to June 29, 2010; October 11, 2010 to October 12, 2010. Voting YES: Oehlich, Heard and Kracl. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Heard; second Kracl to approve Resolution 1-11-10(1) that authorized the county treasurer to invest surplus funds of up to \$7,500,000 with approved financial institutions. Voting YES: Heard, Kracl and Oehlich. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Kracl; second Heard to approve the bond schedule for elected/appointed officials and bonded employees. A copy of the commissioners bond(s) has been filed with the county court judge. Voting YES: Kracl, Oehlich and Heard. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Oehlrich; second Heard to approve Resolution 1-11-10(2) which provides for a 2% cost-of-living increase to the salaries of officials, deputies, appointed officials and employees under authority of the county board. Increases will be effective January 1, 2010. Voting YES: Oehlrich, Heard and Kracl. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Heard; second Oehlrich to table the annual contract for public defender services provided by Gross & Welch for the next meeting. Voting YES: Heard, Kracl and Oehlrich. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Heard, second Oehlrich to approve Resolution 1-11-10(3) setting the salaries for the term starting in 2011. Voting YES: Oehlrich and Heard. Voting NO: Kracl. Motion carried.

The zoning administrator gave a report of the activities of his office; next meeting the board will have four public hearings.

The board of commissioners recessed at 10:10 a.m. and reconvened at 10:22 a.m.

Kurt Frazey from Frye, Frazey & Assoc. provided a written proposal for courtroom security; following his brief presentation was a lengthy discussion with the Sheriff, District Court Clerk and Clerk Magistrate. Motion Kracl; second Heard to approve the County Sheriff to provide courtroom security for the Colfax County Courts starting February 1, 2010. Voting YES: Kracl, Oehlrich and Heard. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Fred Weber of Hayes & Associates presented the final FY08-09 audit to members of the board; he reviewed the audit and management letter and was available for questions and comments. He also informed the clerk that their office will mail the audit to the state.

The emergency manager gave a report of the activities of his department; he is documenting the storms for FEMA relief.

The board provided an opportunity for public comment; several citizens asked if the roads could be opened wider.

Motion Kracl, second Oehlrich to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Colfax County and Platte County to cancel Federal Aid Structure C001900105 with Platte County and to authorize the chairman to sign any document furtherance of this agreement on behalf of Colfax County and Platte County. Voting YES: Oehlrich, Heard and Kracl. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Heard; second Oehlrich to approve an Interlocal agreement between Colfax County and Platte County to cost share construction of Bridge #C001900105 for soft match funds. Voting YES: Heard, Kracl and Oehlrich. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Kracl, second Oehlrich to approve Resolution #1-11-10-(4) Bridge Project #C001904405 to be cancelled as a federal aid project. Voting YES: Kracl, Oehlrich and Heard. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The highway department gave a report of the activities of their department; the Highway Consultant informed the board that the design contract for Project #C001900105 was in the mail; the board tabled the discuss, consider or take action of this agenda item until the next meeting.

The clerk summarized the day's agenda and action taken.

Motion Kracl; second Oehlrich to adjourn BOC at 12:05 p.m. and to meet again January 26, 2010. Voting YES: Heard, Kracl and Oehlrich. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

A meeting of the Board of Equalization of Colfax County, Nebraska was held in the Commissioners Room of the County Courthouse, Schuyler, Nebraska on the 11th day of January, 2010. The County Board of Equalization met at 1:15 p.m. Present were: Jerold Kracl, Jerry Heard and Skip Oehlrich, County Commissioners, Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk, Viola Bender, County Assessor, Bo Botelho, County Attorney and Bill Kaiser, Kaiser Appraisal. Notice of this meeting was given in advance by posting written notice in at least three different public places as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice. Availability of the proposed agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the board. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted and available to the public. All proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was officially convened and open to the public.

The board acknowledged the Order Denying Application for Stay on Case No 08C 050 and reviewed the correspondence from Edmond E. Talbot.

Motion Heard; second Oehlrich to adjourn BOE at 1:35 p.m. Voting YES: Kracl, Oehlrich and Heard. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

I, Rita M. Mundil, duly appointed and qualified County Clerk of said county, do hereby state that the above minutes were recorded by me, are true and correct to my knowledge, are recorded in the Commissioners Records and were completed for public inspection and publication on the 12th day of January, 2010.

Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk

